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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from September 30, 2004 to October 30, 2004.

Please charge the amount of \$55 for the required extension fee, and charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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